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Honorable Dirk Kempthorne  
United States Senator  
204 North 8th Street

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Honorable Dirk Kempthorne

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We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your constituent's concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Comments on the proposals set forth in the Notice are due May 28, 1993, and Reply Comments are due July 14, 1993. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994. We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding.

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Congressional Liaison  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W. Room 808  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Sir:

My constituents' inquiries and concerns are very important to me and this matter is referred to you for your appropriate consideration and action.

To assist me in fully responding to my constituent, please send a full report to me at the following address: 304 North 8th Street, Room 338, Boise, Idaho 83702. The outside envelope only should be marked ATTENTION: Marcia A. Bain.

Thank you for giving this matter your earliest attention and response.

Sincerely,



Dirk Kempthorne  
United States Senator

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3rd February 1993

The Honorable Dirk Kempthorne  
United States Senator  
8th & Bannock,  
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Senator Kempthorne,

I am an active competitor in local, and national radio controlled model events. I have been active in this sport for more than eight years. I currently own three pieces of radio equipment totaling in excess of \$1800. In addition I have constructed many 1/4 scale and competition type radio controlled gliders totaling in excess of \$9000.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usable range of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model aircraft, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

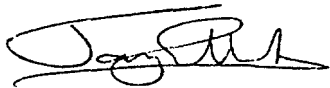
When we fly our model aircraft under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be decreased.

Please understand that many of the model aircraft I construct have wingspans in excess of 20 feet and can weigh as much as 20 pounds. The models are expensive to build: but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Elliott', with a stylized, cursive script.

Tony Elliott  
3912 Tattenham Way,  
Boise, Idaho. 83704.